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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2155
PATENT
APPLICATION # 10/042,142
ATTORNEY DOCKET # 2000-0672 (1014-199)**

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully thanked for the consideration provided to this application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Each of claims 1, 8-12, 18, 26-29, 32, 36, 39-43, 49, 52, 53, 58, 59, 80, 84, and 85 has been amended for at least one reason unrelated to patentability, including at least one of: to explicitly present one or more elements, limitations, phrases, terms and/or words implicit in the claim as originally written when viewed in light of the specification, thereby not narrowing the scope of the claim; to detect infringement more easily; to enlarge the scope of infringement; to cover different kinds of infringement (direct, indirect, contributory, induced, and/or importation, etc.); to expedite the issuance of a claim of particular current licensing interest; to target the claim to a party currently interested in licensing certain embodiments; to enlarge the royalty base of the claim; to cover a particular product or person in the marketplace; and/or to target the claim to a particular industry.

Support for claim amendments to each of claims 1, 18, 32, 49, and 80 can be found at least at paragraphs 42, 43, and 47 of the application as originally submitted. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-91 are now pending in this application. Claims 62-79 have been withdrawn. Each of claims 1, 18, 32, 49, 62, and 80 are in independent form.

I. The Obviousness Rejections

Each of claims 1-61, 80-91 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of U.S. Patent No. 6,732,315 ("Yagil"), U.S. Patent No. 6,674,765 ("Chuah"), U.S. Patent No. 6,137,793 ("Gorman"), U.S. Patent No. 6,862,280 ("Bertagna"). These rejections are respectfully traversed as moot in view of amendments to each of independent claims 1, 18, 32, 49, and 80. Specifically, each of claims 1, 18, 32, 49, and 80 state, yet the applied portions of the relied upon references fail to teach, "at least one enhanced STA adapted to always choose a Backoff Signal Slot 0 of an HPNA 2.0 frame during contention

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resolution with an HPNA v2 station, the Backoff Signal Slot 0 one of only three Backoff Signal Slots specified under HPNA v2 for use in contention resolution after a collision". For at least these reasons, a reconsideration and withdrawal of each rejection of each of claims 1, 18, 32, 49, and 80 is respectfully requested. Also, a reconsideration and withdrawal of each rejection of each of claims 1-17, 19-31, 33-48, 50-61, and 81-91; each ultimately depending from one of claims 1, 18, 32, 49, and 80; is respectfully requested.

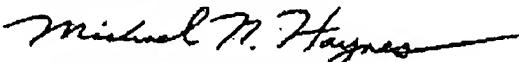
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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